

Good News abounds at Town Hall this week! Town and Village have been notified of success in being awarded a grant to combine the code and zoning ordinances for the municipalities! This grant is big news for the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals of LeRoy. Combining of the codes simplifies and embraces the similarities and differences that characterize our community. We had wonderful letters of support from Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt and State Senator Mary Lou Rath, along with resolutions passed by both municipal boards.

There is ample opportunity for public involvement in the process as the codes are assimilated and differentiated. Please plan on participating, when the time is appropriate. Public information on the process will be shared in this column and other required publications.

First Community Photography Contest “Livin’ in LeRoy” winners are Christine Crocker, Joseph Beswick and Alan Redman. Their photos show LeRoy during different seasons and ages. Currently we are having the photos prepared for display at the School, Town and Village Halls and. The goal is to build a photography diary of LeRoy old, current and new. Please join us in congratulating the award-winning photographers. We will schedule a ceremony to place the framed pictures in a few weeks. We hope you agree they are very well deserving of the awards.

Remember the photo contest will run again next year in July at the Oatka Festival. So start now with your camera and get those Livin’ in LeRoy pictures to share!

Stop by and review the conceptual plan given preliminary approval by our planning board for Lake Street Road. The plan is shown at the windows in the Town Clerk’s office. All questions should be directed to Code officer, Gene Sinclair at 768-6910 ext. 223.

Linwood Road lighting district should see movement this month to having the lights installed and operational. Some timing issues may arise if crews are sent south to aid those communities who fell victim to Hurricane Katrina.

The mill and pavement project on Route 5 is in full swing! Please drive carefully as you travel in the work zone. The highway department is stockpiling the millings for improving parking areas, provide base for future roadwork and shoulders. Reusing the resource is cost effective as the millings are very useable and will not have to be purchased for future projects. Costs of road materials will certainly be increased as the transportation, fuel and ingredient costs rise in the wake of increased fuel costs. Offsetting some of these costs is a win-win occurrence for the taxpayers. Glad we have this opportunity for LeRoy and take advantage of it.

Highway crew is finishing up paving and road shoulder projects. Roadside mowing continues, as it is important to have clean roadsides going into the next season.

LeRoy Transfer station is open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Punch cards are available to residents of LeRoy. Please purchase them from the Town Clerk. Punch cards are required at the transfer station to use the dumpsters. Recyclables are taken at no cost. Our recyclable intake

has increased lately. Glad to know that LeRoy as a community is engaging in reducing the garbage at solid waste facilities.

Town Clerk reports that Sanders Transfer Station in Stafford is now closed during the weekdays and opened only on Saturdays for Stafford residents only. Persons looking to get rid of trash from larger projects can go to the Riga Millseat landfill. Daily operations are available. Loads will be weighed in and out with a cost to the debris weight charged to the customer.

Town Clerk reports last day for her office for NYSDEC doe permits is Friday, September 30, 2005. Depending on how many doe tags are left, the State will make those available on or about November 1, 2005.

Last opportunity for Genesee County Health Department Rabies clinic in LeRoy is Thursday, October 20, 2005. Clinic will be held at the Village DPW building on North Street at 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Clinic is free to all Genesee County residents.

It is very important that we all stay alert to possible rabid animals. Genesee County has had more positive rabid animal cases this year to date than the last. If you suspect a rabid animal please contact the Health Department at 344-2580 ext 5000. Do not hesitate to call and report suspect cases. It is very important to have your pet rabies vaccination up to date. Serious illness can be the result to human life if rabies is not detected and treated immediately. We all need to do our share to be vigilant.

2005-2006 school tax bills are out. All taxpayers should understand that the tax levy is the amount of dollars the school needs to run their operation for a school year. The levy is what drives your tax bill, not your assessment. Your property assessment is a measure of the fair market value of your property. By using the following equation you can visualize this function of property taxes for all taxing entities.

$$\text{Tax levy} / \text{divided by total assessed value of entity (school, village, town, library, county or fire)} * \text{times your assessment value} = \text{equals your taxes.}$$

If you have questions about your tax bill relating to your assessment please contact Assessor Beth Hiscutt at 768-6910 ext. 221. If you have questions about the tax levy of the school please contact the school.

The Town Board will be working on the 2006 town budget now. If your organization has a request, it needs to be in prior to September 19, 2005. Final budget hearing will be held in November.

Sadly, we report that vandalism has occurred in a rural cemetery once again. The vandals have created a need for increased patrolling of the cemeteries. It is a show of disrespect to desecrate our cemeteries. We ask all citizens to have a watchful eye while in and around these precious resting places of our forefathers.

Code Enforcement Office Sinclair has reported that his weekly review of the community is paying off. Property owners are taking pride in their homes and buildings and improving conditions for us all. Thank you for making the most of each opportunity to improve our community. As a reminder, that transfer station will host the large roll-off containers again in the month of October. The community can take advantage of the service to complete a pre-winter clean up.

Recreation department will be providing to the Town and Village boards a wrap up report of the summer recreation season at our next meetings. It will be interesting to see the participation levels in the various offerings through the department. Pool numbers should reflect the awesome swimming season we enjoyed!

Our regularly scheduled meetings for the next month are:

Town Board September 22 and October 3rd at 7:00 PM

Planning Board September 20 at 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals September 27th at 7:00 PM at Village Hall

Recreation Board October 5th at 7:00 PM

All meetings are open to the public, please join us as your schedule allows.

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